



# Orientation Meeting Four

## Customs Forms

### Background

Whenever you enter a new country, you must pass through customs and passport control as soon as you get off the airplane. At the desk you will present your passport and customs declaration form which you will have received and completed on the airplane. The official may ask you some questions about what you are bringing into the country, usually regarding food items. Then, your passport will be stamped and your delegation will proceed to the baggage claim area to collect your checked luggage.

### Completing the Customs Form

On the airplane, you will be given the customs form for the country you are entering. The form requests some personal information, including your passport number. (Hint: "Family name," or "Surname" = last name.)

### Check NO to the Following Questions

- I am bringing fruits, plants, meats, food, soil, birds, snails, or other live animals into the country.
- I am carrying currency over \$10,000.
- I have commercial merchandise.

### Important!

You are not allowed to bring fruit, plants, or opened food into the new country. If you have food in sealed packages, you should check with customs officers to avoid fines and penalties.

Also keep in mind that in some countries you are asked to declare all valuable items you intend to bring into the country. You will be required to pay duty if you bring more than \$800 of souvenirs.